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ALGEBRA.

117. Proposed by G. B. M. ZERR, A.M., Ph.D., Professor of Mathematics and Science, Chester High School, Chester, Pa.

$$\text{Rationalize } l^{\frac{1}{2}} + m^{\frac{1}{2}} + n^{\frac{1}{2}} + x^{\frac{1}{2}} + y^{\frac{1}{2}} + z^{\frac{1}{2}} = 0.$$

118. Proposed by FREDERIC R. HONEY, Ph. B., Instructor at Trinity College, and Lecturer at Smith College, New Haven, Conn.

An army whose length is equal to a , moves forward. An officer is sent from the rear to the van, and is required to present himself at the rear again when the rear has reached the point where the van was when the army began to move. How far did the officer travel?

*** Solutions of these problems should be sent to J. M. Colaw not later than May 10.

GEOMETRY.

141. Proposed by M. A. GRUBER, A. M., War Department, Washington, D. C.

The equilateral triangle described on the hypotenuse of a right triangle is equivalent to the sum of the equilateral triangles described on the other two sides.

Prove without the aid of the famous Pythagorean proposition.

142. Proposed by WILLIAM HOOVER, A. M., Ph. D., Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio.

Show that an infinite number of triangles can be inscribed in $x^2/a^2 + y^2/b^2 - 1 = 0$ whose sides touch $a^2x^2 + b^2y^2 = \frac{a^4b^4}{(a^2 + b^2)^2}$.

143. Proposed by J. T. FAIRCHILD, A. M., Ph. D., Instructor in Mathematics, Crawfis College, Crawfis College, Ohio.

If the centers of three spheres do not lie in the same straight line, their surfaces cannot have more than two points in common. These points lie in a straight line perpendicular to the plane of centers and equal distances from this plane on opposite sides. [From *Phillips and Fisher's Geometry*.]

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CALCULUS.

108. Proposed by JOHN M. COLAW, A. M., Monterey, Va.

The hypotenue of s plane right triangle increases uniformly at the rate of 1-12 of an inch a second. If the legs are as 2 to 3, at what rate is the area of the triangle increasing when the perpendicular from the right angle upon the hypotenuse is 12 inches?

109. Proposed by M. E. GRABER, Heidelberg University, Tiffin, Ohio.

Find the curve in which the product of the perpendicular drawn from two fixed points to any tangent is constant. (To be solved by using differential equations of the first order.)